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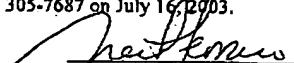
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carpenter et al.  
 Serial No: 09/498,950  
 Conf. No.: 9504  
 Filed: February 4, 2000  
 For: ADJUSTABLE BINDING STRAP FOR SECURING A SNOWBOARD  
 BOOT TO A BASEPLATE  
 Examiner: Vanaman, F.  
 Art Unit: 3611

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following document(s):

1. Copy of Amendment filed 2/5/03

Examiner Frank Vanaman telephoned the Applicants' undersigned attorney on June 30, 2003 stating that the Examiner had not received a response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002. The Examiner indicated that the above-identified application is to be held abandoned because of Applicants' purported failure to timely file a response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002.

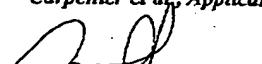
It is respectfully submitted that an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002 was timely filed on February 5, 2003. A copy of the Amendment, having a signed Certificate of Facsimile Transmission printed on the first page, is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

In the event that the Office determines that a fee is due, Applicant's undersigned attorney authorizes the fee to be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, please amend the above-  
 identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Applicant presents the claims as amended below and encloses a set of marked-up claims  
 with deletions shown with bracketing and additions shown with underlining.

Please rewrite claim 97 as indicated below:

97. (Amended) An apparatus for engaging a snowboarding boot, the apparatus being  
 securable to a first strap member and further being releasably connectable to a second strap  
 member, the apparatus comprising:

a flexible strap member configured and arranged to be connected to the second strap  
 member to adjust the relative positions of the flexible strap member and the second strap

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